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## THE WORLD OVER.

LATEST NEWS FROM EVERY LAND.

## RUSSIAN TALKS WAR

SAYS ONLY A MIRACLE CAN PREVENT IT.

Both His Country and Japan Are Strengthening Their Naval Forces as Rapidly as Possible in Anticipation of an Outbreak.

CHICAGO: "War between Russia and Japan is looked upon as inevitable by the naval officers of those countries who have been nearest the probable scene of operations," said Lieut. W. Romanoff of the imperial Russian navy, who arrived in Chicago on the 19th inst. The lieutenant has just completed a three years' cruise in Asiatic waters on the Russian battleship Sissoi Ievky and is on his way to St. Petersburg. He comments:

"Just how soon such a war may be begun it is difficult to say, but events little short of miraculous must occur to avert it. The Japanese are building warships as rapidly as possible in anticipation of the outbreak of hostilities, and Russia is strengthening her navy as fast as she can. That Russia must have a naval base between Port Arthur and Vladivostok is conceded, and that she will try to get one in Korea is certain. In the event of such a war it is considered probable in Russian naval circles that Russia will have the aid of Germany and that England will take the other side. European war will follow the outbreak of hostilities between Russia and Japan.

"The movement of Russian troops toward the Afghan border and the British India borders, the mobilization of trans-Caspian troops at Baku and Herat, and other military maneuvers on the part of Russia are taken by official Russia to mean the beginning of a movement to eliminate English influence in territory heretofore held by her beginning with Kabul. It is certain that England will have to fight to retain her territory in the east."

**JAIL DELIVERY.**

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**STRIKE IS UNAVOIDABLE.**

Pennsylvania Miners Decide to Go Out Because of Dissatisfaction.

INDIANAPOLIS: News has reached here that about 40,000 miners in the anthracite district of Pennsylvania, near Scranton and Shamokin, who have been in a restless state for some time, have decided to strike. Delegate T. D. Hayes of the ninth district, with headquarters at Scranton, Pa., says a strike is inevitable, as the men have been restless for some time, and entertain a very bitter feeling toward the operators, who have declined to recognize them. They have nothing to expect from this convention, they say, as none of the operators from that field will be present at the joint convention to be held here this week.

**ELEVATOR DROPS.**

Two Men Killed and Three Possibly Fatally Injured.

NEW YORK: Two men were killed and three possibly fatally injured in the falling of an elevator in the storage warehouse of O'Reilly Brothers, One Hundred and Twenty-third Street and Nicholas Avenue. At the time of the accident the elevator was at the ninth floor and as it started downward one of the cables broke. It went down to the basement, 140 feet below, with frightful rapidity. The superintendent of the building, Thomas Berry, was arrested.

**A Klondike Tragedy.**

SEATTLE, Wash.: Passengers arriving from Dawson, via Skagway, on the City of Topeka, confirm the report of the murder of Fred H. Clayton, a Skagway merchant, a northwest police telegraph man named Olson and two Klondikers whose names are unknown, near Minto, Christmas day. A man named O'Brien is now under arrest at Taggart, charged with the crime. Another man has been arrested at White Horse, and a third escaped to Seattle. The men were murdered for their money.

**Barred by Board of Trade.**

CHICAGO: Trading in "puts" and "calls" on the board of trade has been absolutely prohibited by the board of trade, and the rule to that effect will be in force from the 25th inst. by order of the board.

**Over Mission Given \$200,000.**

NEW YORK: Mrs. Russell P. Flower presented \$100,000 to Flower Hospital, and Mrs. Emma Flower Taylor, daughter of Russell P. Flower, also gave the institution \$100,000. Mrs. Russell P. Flower was the founder of the Flower Hospital, which is a homeopathic institution.

**Russian Warship Ashore.**

ST. PETERSBURG: The Russian ironclad Poltava, 11,000 tons, is dangerously ashore near Libau, on the Baltic. The Poltava's armament is four 12-inch guns, twelve 5.9-inch guns, thirty-four small guns and six torpedo tubes. She cost \$5,000,000.

**Pride is increased by ignorance; those assume the most who know the least.**

## NEARLY BURIED ALIVE.

Woman Supposed to Be Dead Is Snatched from the Grave.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.: Mrs. Ellen Crosby had a narrow escape from being buried alive in Crawford County Jan. 18. She had been pronounced dead and preparations for the burial had been made. While this was in progress her daughter, 19 years old, worn out by exhaustion, lay down to rest, but her eyes had scarcely closed before she sprang up, exclaiming: "No, no!" After reaching her mother's room she kept repeating, "No, no; I won't," and persistently insisted that her mother's body be returned to the bed. She remarked that her mother had called to her in her sleep, saying: "Mary, don't let them bury me alive! 'Oh, don't!'"

The undertaker complied with the daughter's request, saying it was but a dream, but the daughter stoutly claimed that her mother had called to her in her sleep, saying: "Mary, don't let them bury me alive! 'Oh, don't!'"

After a few minutes' silence the mother said: "Mary, I told everyone in the room that I was not dead, but they could not hear me. They did not listen like you, my child."

Mrs. Crosby within twelve hours was able to sit up in bed, and she is now considered in a fair way of recovery.

## GEAR RE-ELECTED.

Receives All the Republican Votes in Both Houses.

DES MOINES, Iowa: John H. Gear was elected by the legislature Jan. 16 for a second term in the United States senate, beginning March 4, 1901. He received all the Republican votes present in the legislature, 38 in the senate and 74 in the house. The Democratic nominee, Fred E. White, the Democratic nominee for governor in 1897 and 1899, and he received 14 votes in the senate and 18 votes in the house.

Senator William C. MacAlister of Burlington nominated Senator Gear in the senate, but made no speech. Senator M. B. Perrin of Chickasaw seconded the nomination and in doing so paid a high tribute to the character and public services of Senator Gear.

In the house there were no nominating speeches. The caucus of the Republicans, held in the morning, resulted in the nomination of McGinnis of Clinton, seconded by White, and Saur of Dubuque, seconded the nomination.

The joint convention on the 17th inst. went through the form of comparing the journals of the two houses and the election of Mr. Gear was declared elected, and the last act of the senatorial contest was concluded.

## CANAL FULLY OPENED.

Illinois Trustees Act in Spite of St. Louis Injunction.

CHICAGO: The canal drainage canal was finally fully opened at a quarter after 11 Jan. 17. The trustees went to Lockport early in the morning, fearing injunction proceedings by St. Louis, for an injunction restraining the trustees from allowing the water to flow into the Desplaines River at Lockport and the levee was set for the 29th inst. Meantime the trustees received assent from the state canal committee to let the water into the Desplaines River and at 11 came the message from Governor Tanner adding his assent. At once the work of lowering the great bear trap dam, which had been holding back the water, began and connection of the great lake and the Gulf of Mexico became a reality.

## GEN. JOE WANTED TO FIGHT

Because There Was No Chance Wheeler Is to Come Home.

WASHINGTON: The office of the war department had very little to say in explanation of the return to the United States of Gen. Wheeler. The correctness of the report was admitted and it was said that the order had been given some time ago, but that it was not until the day of an application by Gen. Wheeler himself could not be recalled. It was gathered from preceding statements that Gen. Wheeler had not been able to find a place in the field satisfactory to Gen. Wheeler, and the latter having no mind for service in Manila was willing to return to the United States.

## LOOKS HARD FOR ROBERTS.

House Committee Unanimous in Favor of His Exclusion.

WASHINGTON: The special committee of the house to investigate the case of Brigham H. Roberts of Utah has reached its conclusions. On the polygamous status of Roberts the committee is unanimous in the affirmative. On the question of the procedure to be adopted the committee was divided. A majority consisting of all the members except Littlefield of Maine and De Armond of Missouri, favored exclusion at the outset. Littlefield and De Armond will make a minority report favorable to the seating of Roberts on his prima facie rights and then expelling him.

## TO SINK MULE TRANSPORTS

Boer Sympathizers Said to Have Fitted Out Vessels.

NEW ORLEANS, La.: It is stated here that British warships are with easy reach of the mouth of the Mississippi to escort the mule transports from New Orleans to South Africa. This is said to be due to a report that certain Boer sympathizers in America have fitted out vessels for the purpose of sinking the mule transports as soon as they get in the open sea. Capt. Marshall, in charge of the buying of warships for the British here, admitted that such a possibility exists, but said that the British navy would be on the watch.

## Death by Shooting Not Crim.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.: In a decision Jan. 17 Justice James held that the shooting of pigeons is not a cruel means of causing death and that every person has an undoubted right to cause the death of any animal he controls.

## Helen Gould Gives \$50,000.

NEW YORK: Miss Helen Gould has donated \$50,000 to aid in the building of the new home in the naval branch of the city.

## Military Post at Sheridan.

WASHINGTON: The house committee on military affairs acted favorably on bills, establishing a military post at Sheridan, Wyo., and making available \$7,000 for a military hospital at Fort Laramie, Wyo.

## SAD TRAGEDY IN KENTUCKY

Ex-Congressman Colson Kills Three Men and Wounds Other.

FRANKFORT, Ky.: A shocking tragedy, in which the lives of three prominent men were sacrificed and that of a fourth hangs by a slender thread, while two others miraculously escaped with painful injuries, occurred here Jan. 16. The principals in the tragedy were ex-Congressman David G. Colson of Middlesboro, and Lieut. Ethelbert Scott of Somerset. Scott was shot six times by Colson and almost instantly killed.

Luther Demaree, ex-postmaster at Shelbyville, an innocent bystander, was shot three times and died instantly. Charles Julian, another bystander, was shot, and died a half hour later, and Capt. B. B. Golden of Harborsville, the commonwealth's attorney, of the Twenty-seventh judicial district, was shot in the back and the country was not expected to survive. Col. Colson himself was shot twice in the arm.

Harry McEwin of Louisville, was shot in the foot and W. O. Redpath of Chicago, sustained a broken leg by the lifeless form of Scott falling against him as it rolled down the stairway. The tragedy is one of the most sensational in the history of the "dark and bloody ground."

The killing occurred in the lobby of the Capitol Hotel, the principal hotel of the state capital, the room being well filled at the time with politicians and others who were here attending the contests for state officers before the legislature. Col. Colson is in jail, charged with murder, but he claims self defense.

Col. Colson has long been a prominent figure in Kentucky politics. In 1896 he was re-elected to congress. During his service he vacated his seat to accept a commission as a colonel of the Fourth Kentucky Regiment for service in the war with Spain.

Scott was a lieutenant and Golden was captain of a cavalry troop in Colson's regiment, and the trouble which led to the tragedy began. A feud sprang up between Colson and Scott while the troops were in camp at Anniston, Ala. The trouble between them at that time culminated in a meeting between them in a restaurant, which resulted in Colson being shot by Scott. The regiment was shortly afterward mustered out of the service as a result of the feud between the officers, and the serious charges and counter charges which he could for a man to have four or five lawful wives in many states. That is approaching pretty closely to legalized polygamy. Each one would be his only lawful wife in the State in which he married her. The police of New York could not touch the man in Pennsylvania, and he could run his marriage trust with impunity.

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## TO PROTECT CUBAN FORESTS

General Rivera Advises that Steps Be Taken Immediately.

HAVANA, Jan. 16: General Rivera, secretary of agriculture, industry and commerce, has addressed a communication to General Wood, advising that steps be taken immediately to protect Cuban forests belonging to the public domain. He urges that he be empowered to appoint inspectors at a salary of \$2,000 each, with instructions to locate public property and to consult with the officers of the rural guard in the various provinces as to the best methods of preserving the trees which are now being used at the pleasure of the first person who desires to cut them, the result being in many parts of the island a wholesale destruction of young trees.

## SAMOA TREATY RATIFIED.

Senate, in Executive Session, Agrees to It Without Division.

WASHINGTON: The senate Jan. 16 ratified the Samoan treaty without division. The ratification resulted in executive session, after two hours of debate, which was participated in by a number of senators. Senators Davis, Foraker and Spooner advocated and Senators Bacon, Money and Tillman opposed ratification.

## CHARGED WITH MURDERING LOVER.

TIFFIN, Ohio: Miss Orpha Sheets, a handsome young lady of Green Springs, has been arrested for the murder of her lover, Claude Tuttle. He died under peculiar circumstances several weeks ago, with symptoms of strychnine poisoning. Miss Sheets is said to have purchased strychnine the day of his death, and was the custodian of \$200 of her lover's money.

## Double Montana Tragedy.

BOZEMAN, Mont.: At Belgrade, Frank Rogers, a merchant, shot and killed his landlady, Mrs. Atta Davis, then turned the weapon on himself with fatal effect. Jealousy and drink caused the deed.

## Hanging in Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURGH, Pa.: Wm. Newman, a negro was hanged Jan. 17 for the murder of his mistress, Alice Warner, of whom he was jealous.

## MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$6.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$5.00; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 65c to 66c; corn, No. 2, 30c to 31c; oats, No. 2, 23c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 36c; butter, choice creamery, 24c to 25c; eggs, fresh, 16c to 18c; potatoes, choice, 40c to 50c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$6.75; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 67c to 68c; corn, No. 2, white, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2, white, 23c to 25c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$6.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 70c to 71c; corn, No. 2, yellow, 30c to 32c; oats, No. 2, 24c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 36c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$6.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 71c to 72c; corn, No. 2, mixed, 32c to 34c; oats, No. 2, mixed, 23c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 36c.

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Tulsa—Wheat, No. 2, mixed, 65c to 66c; corn, No. 2, mixed, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2, mixed, 23c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 36c.

Butte—Wheat, No. 2, mixed, 65c to 66c; corn, No. 2, mixed, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2, mixed, 23c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 36c.

Bozeman—Wheat, No. 2, mixed, 65c to 66c; corn, No. 2, mixed, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2, mixed, 23c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 36c.

## UNCLE SAM: "THEY'RE UP TO CONGRESS NOW."



—Williamsport, Pa., Grd.

## UNIFORM MARRIAGE LAWS.

Amendment to the Constitution May Result from Roberts Case.

One result of the Roberts case is the determination of certain Congressmen to press the passage of uniform marriage and divorce laws in the several States. Of course, a constitutional amendment is necessary and about a dozen Congressmen and several Senators have introduced resolutions proposing to submit the subject to the State Legislatures. In the House the judiciary committee has charge of the matter and its chairman, Ray of New York, is interesting himself personally to obtain a favorable report at this session.

"One of the first bills I introduced when I came to Congress some years ago," said Chairman Ray, "was one proposing an amendment to the constitution for uniform marriage and divorce laws, which he could for a man to have four or five lawful wives in many states. That is approaching pretty closely to legalized polygamy. Each one would be his only lawful wife in the State in which he married her. The police of New York could not touch the man in Pennsylvania, and he could run his marriage trust with impunity."

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"We would have had a favorable report on this subject had Congress not, but one of the Southern members demanded that the constitutional amendment include a prohibition of miscegenation, or mixed marriages between black and whites. His State had a law on this point, and he did not want a United States law that would permit such marriages in contravention of the State regulation."

## SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

Resolution Which Contemplates Their Establishment in Chicago.

A resolution looking toward separate schools for boys and girls from the fourth grade up through the high schools will be submitted to the Chicago Board of Education soon. Trustee Schwab, who is at work on the matter, says: "The inherited traits and home training of many of the boys in our cosmopolitan schools are not such as to make them desirable companions for girls. The language you may hear on any of our streets from boys bears this out."

## CUBAN CENSUS

Is Completed and There Is a Population of 1,200,000.

C. H. Olmstead, the assistant director of the Cuban census, with four statisticians and supervisors who had been working for the last several months in Cuba, are now in New York. They brought with them twenty-four boxes of records, all of which were sent to Washington. Manuel Rasco, who was the supervisor of Havana province, did not accompany his colleagues to Washington. He said that 1,250 enumerators had been appointed, all of whom were Cubans. Many women were allowed to act as enumerators, and Senator Rasco said that they were much better than the men.

The result of the work indicates that the Spanish census taken in 1887 will probably have to be reduced by about 500,000. Thus the present population of Cuba will be about 1,200,000. The cost to the Government of taking the census will be between \$200,000 and \$400,000.

## REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION HALL, PHILADELPHIA.



The main Philadelphia exposition building, in which the Republican national convention of 1900 will be held, is built of structural steel and brick, with plaster facing and stiff penumbrations. It will, at a comparatively small cost, be converted into a convention hall that will seat 18,000 persons. The arcades and connecting buildings are mostly of wood, with brick walls. The main building is 400 feet in width. The entire area of the main building is 167,200 square feet. It is divided into six sections, which can be readily converted into one vast auditorium, the length of which, instead of extending north and south, as at present, will, with the side wall taken out and the hall enlarged, extend east and west.

## TAILORS WILL COMBINE.

They Will Be Backed by a Capital of \$5,000,000.

Chicago "tailors to the trade" are in the field with a trust of 1000 cut. Negotiations are pending for the consolidation of the leading establishments of the city, with a capitalization of \$5,000,000 or more. As the "union tailors" they expect to dominate the wholesale custom tailoring industry of the country, of which Chicago is the pioneer and principal factory.

## This and That.

Niminger & Craven handle factory at Guilford, Ala., burned. Loss, \$13,000.

Ed O. Giffey, Adairville, Ky., killed Dr. M. T. Gay and then committed suicide.

Procter & Gamble's soap factory, Frydridge, Ohio, was damaged \$2,000 by fire.

Louis Swartz, 3, Chicago, ran to greet his father, who was returning home in a wagon. The child fell under the wheels and was killed.

## STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

### Secretary Hall of State Banking Board Issues a Statement of the Condition of the Various Institutions at Close of Business, Dec. 2.

Secretary Hall of the state banking board has issued a statement of the condition of the state banks of Nebraska at the close of business Dec. 2, 1899, showing an increase during the quarter of loans, overdrafts, bills discounted and bills payable and a decrease in capital stocks and deposits.

"These changes are to be expected at this time of the year," said Secretary Hall in commenting upon the condition of the banks as shown in the report. "In an agricultural state like Nebraska the winter season is the active season for money. During the winter season there is always a decrease of deposits and reserves and an increase of loans. The changes this year are less marked than usual, however, and our banks, as a rule, are running strong. The legal reserve carried is 33 per cent. The items, bills discounted and bills payable, when compared with the total business carried by the banks, show beyond question that the banks are pursuing a conservative course in the matter of borrowing. Prior to the panic these items were usually around or above the million-dollar mark at this season of the year."

The total assets of the bank, as shown in the statement recently issued, amount to \$3,571,463.47, while last year they amounted to only \$28,133,097.32. This shows an increase in the volume of business transacted. A year ago the loans and discounts were \$17,909,214.57, as against over \$21,000,000 this year. There was an increase in deposits during the year of nearly \$3,500,000.

The report shows that during the quarter there was an increase in the following items:

Loans and discounts	\$2,349,483.48
Overdrafts	12,008.28
Bills discounted	318,623.99

The decreases were as follows:

Capital stock	103,706.00
Deposits	1,242,406.07

The following statement shows the resources and liabilities of the 468 Nebraska banks, not including national banks:

RESOURCES:	
Loans and discounts	\$2,349,483.48
Overdrafts	12,008.28
Stocks, securities, judgments, claims, etc.	279,479.66
Due from national state and private banks and bankers	9,211,556.60
Banking house furniture and fixtures	1,108,877.63
Other real estate	18,071.70
Current expenses and taxes paid	460,875.48
Premiums on bonds, etc.	2,435.46
Assets not otherwise enumerated	124,182.61
Cash items	36,573.63
Cash on hand	1,909,448.90
United States bonds on hand	28,700.00
Total	\$3,571,463.47

LIABILITIES:	
Capital stock paid in	\$7,180,485.00
Surplus fund	940,835.00
Undivided profits	1,311,812.35
Dividends unpaid	10,318.69
General deposits	21,065,111.12
Other liabilities	1,855.54
Notes and bills rediscounted	191,283.73
Bills payable	268,760.04
Total	\$3,571,463.47

### ILLINOIS MAKES BEST SHOWING.

Reports of the Growth of the United Mine Workers of America.

The third day's session of the United Mine Workers of America convened at Indianapolis, with John Mitchell, president, in the chair. There were fully 700 delegates present. Chairman E. J. Keenan of the credentials committee submitted his report. The showing of the various States was larger than expected. The Indiana districts reported many increases. Pratt City, Ala., has the largest local, with over 1,350 paid-up members. Secretary W. D. Ryan of the State organization is also treasurer of his organization, which now has \$112,000 cash on hand. During 1899 he raised over \$300,000, and more than \$250,000 was raised by Illinois in 1898. Ryan's organization has 35,000 members. President Mitchell's report touched many subjects, including the refusal of the Indiana block operators to sign the Pittsburgh agreement, the advance of mining rates, the eight-hour question, the Southwestern strike, and Federal injunctions.

At the last annual convention the secretary's report showed an average paid-up membership of approximately 33,000, the largest number being in the month of December, at which time there were 54,771 members, in 628 local unions. At the present time there are 637 local unions, with a total membership paid up of 31,010. During 1899 387 new locals were organized, the membership increasing more than in any other year in the history of the order. The finances are in fine shape, a balance of \$400,000 being on hand.

### OMAHA SCHOOL SCANDAL.

More Evidence of Members of Board of Education Being Bribed.

The climax of sensationalism in the investigation into the transactions of the Omaha board of education was reached Jan. 16 when E. F. Backmister, a detective in the employ of the Metropolitan agency of Chicago, took the stand and gave evidence charging A. M. Cowie, a member of the board, with receiving bribes for the awarding of contracts for blackboards. Backmister and Cowie are both blackboard contractors and gutter men. Cowie's confession. He testified that Cowie had agreed to get the contracts for Backmister's firm, his bid being \$50 higher than that of any other bidder. Cowie to receive \$125 for his part in the deal. The contract was awarded, as per agreement, and according to Backmister's testimony, he sent Cowie a draft for the amount. Backmister also testified to seeing Chiniquy, another detective, who posed as a contractor, pay money to former members, Sears and Cowie. Backmister submitted letters and documentary evidence to prove his assertions.

### Switchman Guilty of Robbery.

The three Union Pacific switchmen charged with breaking into a car in the yards at Grand Island on the night of Jan. 4 and stealing \$100 worth of merchandise were arraigned in court the other day. W. L. Johnson entered a plea of guilty and was bound over to the February term of the district court in \$800 bond. W. R. Brown and A. D. Mitchell were next arraigned, but entered no plea.

### Attorney Thompson Still in Jail.

R. B. Thompson, the Emerson attorney who was brought to Ponca recently on a warrant charging him with obtaining \$4,500 from William H. Sauer by false pretenses, is still in jail for failure to furnish \$1,250 bond for his appearance Feb. 5. Developments are maturing every day in the alleged conspiracy against Sauer, by which he lost his property and a wife, who is still missing.

### Missing Farmer Found From.

Hamilton Stafford, the farmer who mysteriously disappeared from his home at Centerville on Dec. 3, has been located near relatives at Erie, Pa. He left home to go to Lincoln to pay some notes and to go considerable money. The man carrying his relatives said he was with a horse and suffering mentally. Money a money sent for his return.

### One Harvard Bank Buys A.